

NEW DEPARTMENT READY IN MONTH EDGAR DECLARES

John B. Edgar, commissioner of fire and police, was encouraged Friday to believe that he would have the fire department complete within 30 days. Between 20 and 25 men, many of them experienced in fire departments in Memphis and elsewhere, have applied for permanent places in the department.

Mr. Edgar was confident that headquarters company, Union avenue and Front street, would be completely manned by Friday night with regu-

lar firemen.

RAIL UNION MEN

His policy is to keep the men together. As fast as one company is completed it will take charge of a fire station and the volunteers will be dismissed. When another is recruited the same course will be followed. Mr. Egan believes that the last volunteer will be dismissed within 30 days.

There was still a suggestion that a compromise might be worked out be-

between the city and present, but there was no encouragement from the committee. Edgar. He declares that he cannot understand in his determination not to accept the men who will either act as individuals or as a body. He believes the determination upon a definite understanding he had with the men at the time they went out.

The fifteen on the other hand showed no interest in the matter. They were not interested in the matter.

**Meeting Scheduled for Monday in Chicago—May Pre-
sage General Strike.**

General chairmen and business representatives of all the railway brother-

Members of the fire insurance patrol to whom an ultimatum was issued with the former firemen. An agreement was reached. The firemen will be allowed to join the salvage corps men will be permitted to continue to operate as a fire insurance patrol in the body under their own officers, but subject, of course, to orders from heads of the fire department. The ratification of Commissioner Edgar the sal-

was: Board to announce its decision no later than July 20. All the grand jurors were given the same message. They were told that the board was ready to receive the decision and would not be in a position to accept or officially reject the terms of the offer. The board was taken by nearly all the crafts and if the terms offered by the government were not accepted, the board would be authorized to call the men back to work. The men were told to keep in touch.

Local officials of the railway brotherhoods will be in constant touch with Chicago Monday. The Brotherhood of Railway Clerks will hold a meeting at their hall Monday night to receive the reports from their officials at Chicago relative to the progress of the situation.

tion. If the wage increase is announced Monday, say labor leaders anticipate, they will vote on its acceptance or rejection that night.

Should the wage board again delay the announcement of its decision beyond Tuesday, it is not believed that the board will meet again. The union would then call a general strike. The union plans to have its permanent organization perfected within 30 days at the latest.

Mayor Paine spends the greater portion of his time at Commissioner Edgar's office and is highly elated over the situation. All of his time is being devoted to this work and he anticipates that he will be able to

It is rumored that an increase of 30 per cent retroactive to May 1 will be granted by the wage board, but this is only rumor.

**"48'ERS" OPPOSED TO
THIRD PARTY MEET**

Active Dissenters in Liberal Ranks Talk Organization.

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Neither the mayor nor Commissioner Edgar has receded one bit from their position regarding the firemen who have resigned. The men have quit, they declare, and it is therefore up to the de-

One of the points of disagreement between the group meeting this morning and the line of action adopted by the convention yesterday, was the refusal to employ other firemen. This will be done and there will never again be a union of firefighters in Memphis, officials say.

This morning's conference marked the third ball of the week. Nonpartisan

League delegates to the committee of 48 from South Dakota first abandoning it for the labor party convention, members of the committee of 48 later quitting the farmer-labor party, and today's group finding itself out of accord with the last action of the forty-eighters.

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MALLORY TO TALK.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Bankers' club to be held at the Hotel Garzeo Saturday B. L. Mallory, president of the group, will speak on the subject of "The Future of the Bankers' Club."

dent of the Memphis Terminal company will talk on the problems of housing the 1920 crop of cotton. Other talks will be made by the various members of the club. Dwight M. Armstrong will preside.

RIVER COMMITTEE MEETS.

The river and navigation committee will hold a general meeting Tuesday at 2 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce. An invitation has been extended to the public. M. H. Hunt, chairman of the

committee, will preside. A general report of recommendations of work of the river will be made.

Watch Your Premises and Take No Chance With Fire

Every citizen must be on guard to prevent an outbreak of fire.
Watch the fire in the kitchen stove.
Extinguish matches, cigars and cigarets before throwing them away.

Do not throw cigars, cigarettes or matches out the windows where they may fall on awnings.

Take special precaution with electrical devices.

Do not keep gasoline or other explosives in the home.

Locomotive engineers should see that the engines are fired so the flues will not emit sparks.

Wherever a fire is necessary watch it to prevent its spread.

Have no fires except those that are absolutely necessary.

Remember that the only protection the city has against fire is in its prevention.
Negligence is criminal.
Industrial plants must take extra precaution to prevent

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